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	Filing Date	August 7, 2001
	First Named Inventor	STEFAN WIGGER,
	Art Unit	1742
	Examiner Name	Harry D. Wilkins, III
	Attorney Docket Number	033713.003

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ii. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other _____

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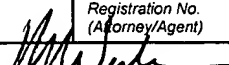
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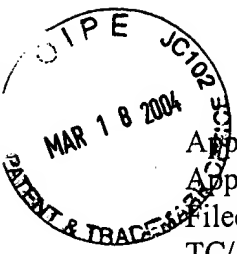
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